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3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Corwin Umbach on December 23, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace the pending claims with the following new claim listing:

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT - U.S. Application No. 10/724,082

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate, which consists, as represented by mol% based on the following oxides, essentially of:

SiO ₂ :	30 to 65%,
Al ₂ O ₃ :	5 to 35%,
TiO ₂ +ZrO ₂ :	1 to 15%,
Na ₂ O:	0 to 30%,
K ₂ O:	5 to 30%, provided K ₂ O (%) ≥ Na ₂ O (%),
Li ₂ O:	0 to 15%,
MgO:	0 to 15%,
CaO:	0 to 15%,
SrO:	0 to 15%,
BaO:	0 to 15%,
ZnO:	0 to 15%,
B ₂ O ₃ :	0 to 15%,
P ₂ O ₅ :	0 to 15%,
Y ₂ O ₃ :	0 to 15%,

and which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_L of from $95 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $130 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ at from -30°C to 70°C , and which has a crystal or solid solution of $\text{Na}_{4-x}\text{K}_x\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}$ ($1 < x \leq 4$) precipitated therein.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 14, wherein MgO: 1 to 15%.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 14, which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_H of from $80 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $155 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ at from 190°C to 220°C .

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 14, which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_H of from $110 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $145 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 14, which has a Young's modulus of at least 85 GPa.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 14, which has an absorptivity coefficient of at most 0.03 mm^{-1} for a light having a wavelength of 1550 nm.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): ~~The optical filter according to Claim 20~~ An optical filter comprising
an optical filter substrate made of a crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate,
which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_L of from $95 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $130 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ at
from -30°C to 70°C , and which has a crystal or solid solution of
 $\text{Na}_{4-x}\text{K}_x\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}$ ($1 < x \leq 4$) precipitated therein; and
a dielectric multilayer film formed on the substrate, wherein
the crystallized glass consists, as represented by mol% based on the following oxides,
essentially of:

SiO_2 :	30 to 65%,
Al_2O_3 :	5 to 35%,
$\text{TiO}_2 + \text{ZrO}_2$:	1 to 15%,
Na_2O :	0 to 30%,
K_2O :	5 to 30%, provided $\text{K}_2\text{O} (\%) \geq \text{Na}_2\text{O} (\%)$,
Li_2O :	0 to 15%,
MgO :	0 to 15%,
CaO :	0 to 15%,
SrO :	0 to 15%,
BaO :	0 to 15%,
ZnO :	0 to 15%,
B_2O_3 :	0 to 15%,
P_2O_5 :	0 to 15%,
Y_2O_3 :	0 to 15%,

and which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_L of from $95 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $130 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
at from -30°C to 70°C , and which has a crystal or solid solution of
 $\text{Na}_{4-x}\text{K}_x\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{16}$ ($1 < x \leq 4$) precipitated therein.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 22, wherein
MgO: 1 to 15%.

Claims 24-27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate,
which consists, as represented by mol% based on the following oxides, essentially of:

SiO ₂ :	35 to 60%,
Al ₂ O ₃ :	10 to 30%,
TiO ₂ +ZrO ₂ :	1 to 15%,
Na ₂ O:	4 to 20%,
K ₂ O:	4 to 20%,
CaO+SrO+BaO	0.1 to 10%,
MgO:	0 to 10%,
B ₂ O ₃ :	0 to 10%,
P ₂ O ₅ :	0 to 10%,

and which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_L of from $95 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $130 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
at from -30°C to 70°C , and which has a crystal or solid solution precipitated therein.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate
according to Claim 28, wherein $\text{K}_2\text{O} (\%) \geq \text{Na}_2\text{O} (\%)$.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate
according to Claim 28, wherein MgO: 1 to 15%.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate
according to Claim 28, which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_H of from
 $80 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $155 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ at from 190°C to 220°C .

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 28, which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_H of from $110 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $145 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 28, which has a Young's modulus of at least 85 GPa.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 28, which has an absorptivity coefficient of at most 0.03 mm^{-1} for a light having a wavelength of 1550 nm.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): An optical filter comprising
an optical filter substrate made of a crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate,
which consists, as represented by mol% based on the following oxides, essentially of:

SiO ₂ :	35 to 60%,
Al ₂ O ₃ :	10 to 30%,
TiO ₂ +ZrO ₂ :	1 to 15%,
Na ₂ O:	4 to 20%,
K ₂ O:	4 to 20%,
CaO+SrO+BaO	0.1 to 10%,
MgO:	0 to 10%,
B ₂ O ₃ :	0 to 10%,
P ₂ O ₅ :	0 to 10%,

and which has an average linear expansion coefficient α_L of from $95 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $130 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
at from -30°C to 70°C , and which has a crystal or solid solution precipitated therein; and
a dielectric multilayer film formed on the substrate.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 35, wherein the
crystallized glass has $\text{K}_2\text{O} (\%) \geq \text{Na}_2\text{O} (\%)$.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 35, wherein the
crystallized glass has MgO: 1 to 15%.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 35, wherein the crystallized glass has an average linear expansion coefficient α_H of from $80 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $155 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ at from 190°C to 220°C .

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 35, wherein the crystallized glass has an average linear expansion coefficient α_H of from $110 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $145 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 35, wherein the crystallized glass has a Young's modulus of at least 85 GPa.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 35, wherein the crystallized glass has an absorptivity coefficient of at most 0.03 mm^{-1} for a light having a wavelength of 1550 nm.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 14, wherein $\text{K}_2\text{O} (\%) \geq 1.5 \text{ Na}_2\text{O} (\%)$.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 22, wherein $\text{K}_2\text{O} (\%) \geq 1.5 \text{ Na}_2\text{O} (\%)$.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The crystallized glass for an optical filter substrate according to Claim 29, wherein $\text{K}_2\text{O} (\%) \geq 1.5 \text{ Na}_2\text{O} (\%)$.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The optical filter according to Claim 36, wherein the crystallized glass has K_2O (%) ≥ 1.5 Na_2O (%).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth D. Wood whose telephone number is 571-272-1377. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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